



Everyday Hero - May 2010



Officer Brosan and "Isis" celebrating second chances!

Chris Brosan was still in the Field Training Program, having been employed as an Animal Control Officer in Loudoun County, Virginia for just three months when he found himself in the midst of his first animal cruelty case on the evening of January 20, 2010. The eyewitness observed the puppy in the grassy common area in the center of the row of town homes, her owner nearby called his dog to come, the puppy didn't respond to his calls. The eyewitness reported observing the man run toward his dog and upon reaching her; he kicked her hard in the hindquarters, picked her up by her neck and carried her back toward his car. The puppy, named Isis, a 5 month old, blue and white, female, American Pit Bull Terrier with short cropped ears wandered again toward the grassy common area. Her owner ran toward her and kicked her hard in the hindquarters; this time with such force the small dog was rolled head over tail on the ground. The eyewitness observed the man hover over the small dog and beat her with one hand, across her face as she lay on the ground, he hoisted her in the air and carried her back home by the neck again as she yelped in pain. The dog owner, unwilling or able to provide Isis with the veterinary care that she required chose to release ownership of the dog to the animal shelter where Officer Brosan saw to it that Isis finally received the vet care that she so desperately needed. Isis was diagnosed with injuries consistent with blunt force trauma; a fractured right rear femoral head and several broken ribs on her right side. Officer Brosan charged Isis's former owner with animal cruelty for the incident reported.

Isis began her recovery at the Loudoun County Department of Animal Care and Control, where she began her rehabilitation to become a favorite to many of her caretakers, a sweet, affectionate and even-tempered girl. Isis was transferred to another animal welfare organization in Virginia that found a sponsor for her surgery and even had a foster family waiting to take her home. Isis's surgery was a huge success and she has since been adopted in to a loving home! In May, Isis's former owner was found guilty of misdemeanor animal cruelty. He was sentenced to pay a \$1000 fine of which \$500 was suspended, mandated to successfully complete an anger management course, banned from owning or possessing companion animals and sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with 29 days suspended.